

# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL VACCINE PLAN<sup>1</sup>

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## GOALS

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| 1. Develop new and improved vaccines | 2. Ensure the optimal safety and effectiveness of vaccines and immunization | 3. Better educate the public and members of the health professions on the benefits and risks of immunizations | 4. Achieve better use of existing vaccines to prevent disease, disability, and death |
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## OBJECTIVES

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| 1.1 Develop new and improved vaccines for priority diseases  | 2.1 Enhance the ability to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of vaccines  | 3.1 Increase public demand for immunization, especially among populations at risk of underimmunization   | 4.1 Ensure an adequate supply of vaccines  |
| 1.2 Ensure the Nation's capability to detect and respond effectively to new and emerging diseases in the United States and abroad  | 2.2 Improve the surveillance and evaluation of adverse events following vaccination   | 3.2 Improve the immunization practices of all health care providers  | 4.2 Increase immunization coverage levels for infants and children   |
| 1.3 Enhance the process of translating technologic innovation into new vaccines  | 2.3 Ensure the optimal use of vaccines  | 3.3 Increase the awareness of the benefits of immunization among special target audiences (third-party payers, employers, legislators, community leaders, hospital administrators, etc.) | 4.3 Maintain immunization coverage levels for school-aged children   |
| 1.4 Ensure the Nation's capability to evaluate new vaccines, and to conduct prompt reviews of new and improved candidate vaccines  | 2.4 Continue to ensure fair and efficient compensation to individuals injured by vaccines   | 3.4 Develop more effective methods of communicating the benefits and risks of immunization to health care providers, patients, and parents/guardians                                     | 4.4 Increase immunization coverage levels among older adolescents, adults, and the elderly                                     |
| 1.5 Promote the improvement of existing vaccines and development of new vaccines and vaccine-related technologies for other diseases of importance in developing countries | 2.5 Promote and support the efforts of the World Health Organization to develop and harmonize international standards and improve regulatory capabilities in countries involved in vaccine production | 3.5 Continue to evaluate the benefits and impact of immunization through the use of cost-effectiveness studies   | 4.5 Improve the surveillance of vaccine-preventable diseases to assess the impact of immunization programs                     |
|  |   |  | 4.6 Establish registry and immunization tracking systems   |
|  |   |  | 4.7 Enhance immunization coverage to strengthen national defense   |
|  |   |  | 4.8 Enhance immunization coverage of international travelers who are at highest risk of acquiring vaccine-preventable diseases |
|  |   |  | 4.9 Eradicate poliomyelitis globally   |
|  |   |  | 4.10 Promote better control of neonatal tetanus and measles, worldwide   |
|  |   |  | 4.11 Promote the self-sustaining capacity of immunization programs in developing countries                                     |

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<sup>1</sup>The ordering of the goals and objectives shown here corresponds with the mandate of P.L. 99-660 and does not indicate a ranking or imply a chronological sequence. Activities under the plan are to be pursued in parallel based on need and opportunity. For example, the Childhood Immunization Initiative, which falls primarily under goals 3 and 4, accelerates what can be done immediately to prevent diseases by using existing vaccines.